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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the prior art listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed, which prior art was cited in the International Search Report.

- (1) DE Patent No. 30 15 384;
- (2) US Patent No. 4,127,182;
- (3) US Patent No. 5,823,884; and
- (4) DE Patent No. 298 13 512.

A listing on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the

present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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